

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bill Player, Applicant's Representative, on 12/19/08.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, line 1, the term "medicament" has been deleted and --composition-- inserted therein.

In claim 1, lines 2-4 and 5-6, the phrases "having biological activity against HIV infection" and "a nucleic acid coding for the compound, or an antibody binding specifically to the compound" have been deleted, without prejudice.

New Claim 37 has been added:

37 (New): A nucleic acid, wherein said nucleic acid encodes the peptide of claim 29.

Conclusion

Claims 29-34 and 37 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAURY AUDET whose telephone number is (571)272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecelia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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